



# *December 2014*

## *New Hope News*



**2014 WATCHWORD**  
God said, "Let there be light";  
and there was light.  
Genesis 1:3

### *New Hope*

### *Moravian Church*

Candle Tea is a Moravian tradition dating back to early American colonial times. The focus of every Tea is the putz of the nativity scene and the telling of Christ's birth. For years it was a Moravian custom to have a putz (a simple manger scene) in every home. The word Putz comes from the German word putzen which means to decorate. The manger is always the center of any putz. In the mid- and late 1800s Salem teacher was concerned some of her students could not go home for Christmas. She made a putz for them in the chapel. 1866 was a critical time, between 50 and 60 girls were bed-ridden, under quarantine, for smallpox was raging at Salem. A putz was made to cheer them. Later, candle demonstrations were added and teas became part of Moravian tradition. Most teas are projects of the Women's Fellowships, and like our church, it is a church family project with members of all ages participating and working together. For New Hope, it is our gift to the community. Many who experience the putz at New Hope say this is how they begin their Christmas season.

Our Tea is the first Saturday in December where visitors experience the Moravian faith through our many traditions. The day begins with guests warmly greeted by members wearing traditional 18th-century costumes; served sugar cake and coffee in the pews while listening to music and Moravian Church history. This year the Bandy's High School chorus and handbells will share their beautiful music with our guests. Our Moravian Church band will also play. Following the initial greeting, guests then experience the Putz and our Christmas Bazaar which includes bakery, candle trimming demonstration and arts and crafts. Visitors can buy Moravian Sugar Cake and cookies, handmade beeswax candles, Moravian Stars and other Moravian items as well as crafts from our members and outside vendors. A silent auction began years ago has become an important part of our tea with proceeds going to a designated agency in our community. This year that agency is The First Step Program of the Family Guidance Center, a program for domestic violence victims. There is no admission fee but guests are encouraged to bring canned goods for the Eastern Catawba Cooperative Christian Ministries, our local food bank. Proceeds from our bazaar are spent throughout the year on community outreach programs, our youth program and other needs of the church.

Each year women of the church volunteer to cross stitch Moravian themed quilt squares. Pat deBlois makes a quilt each year for part of the raffle offered at Candle Tea. Raffle tickets are sold and at the end of Candle Tea there is a drawing for a winner of the quilt. There is a second and third prize as well. Tickets can be purchased that day as well until the deadline at 1:00.

A recent addition to Candle Tea is the sale of our Chicken Pies. The community has responded overwhelmingly, so much that we always sell out before day's end. Look for the tent in the parking lot where the pies will be sold. Proceeds from pie sales will fund church needs and improvements.

Join us Saturday, December 6th (9:00-1:00) for New Hope's 32nd Candle Tea and Bazaar sponsored by Women's Fellowship. We thank God for the many blessings from this wonderful experience. Merry Christmas!

Cheryl Hendrix

## December Worship Committee Meeting – Wed. Dec. 10, 2014 - 6:00pm

All members of the worship committee are encouraged to attend the Wed. night meal – Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 in the fellowship hall. We will eat and meet as we review final preparations for the Christmas Eve Services.

The meal for the Worship Committee *and* for the Wednesday Night Dinner Group for Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> will be provided by Jane and Steve Bumgarner.

Worship Committee, please let Jane know if you are unable to attend.

See You Wednesday, December 10 at 6:00 for a meal, fellowship and a brief worship meeting.



Meet the newest addition to  
the New Hope Church Family!!

### **Gabriel Snyder**

Born November 27th  
7 lbs.

Congratulations  
Jerry & Allison



## Susan G. Komen Walk For The Cure

A big thank you to everyone who supported Pam's Holy Walkamolies. I think I speak for all of us when I say it was a great blessing to take part in this event. We enjoyed beautiful weather, raised a lot of money for a wonderful cause and got in some exercise as an added bonus! The event raised \$36,969 and roughly 75% of that will stay in this area funding grants for local hospitals and community organizations that provide breast health education and breast cancer screening and treatment programs for medically underserved women. The remaining amount supports the national Komen Grants Program, which funds groundbreaking breast cancer research, meritorious awards and educational and scientific programs around the world. We already have big plans for our group next year and I hope all of you will be able to join us.

Amy Johnson





## An opportunity for you to help New Hope – Readers for Holy Week

It is a Moravian tradition that congregations gather nightly the week before Easter Sunday, Holy Week, for a service of readings and songs to reflect Christ's activities during Holy Week. Over the years the Holy Week Readers format has changed several times. As a result, New Hope has several different editions of readers that are used during Holy Week services which can cause confusion when trying to locate the pages for our services. We would like to remedy this by having the same type of Holy Week Reader for everyone, and not a mixture of different types.

*The newest version of the reader is \$15.00.* It is a hardback with large print and the songs include the music scores so they can be sung by those who might be less familiar with the hymns. Many in our congregation like to have their own copy of the Holy Week Readings to bring to services. If you would like to order books for Your personal use or if you would like to order some in honor or memory of loved ones please use this order form. A label will be added to the front of the donated book stating who it is honoring or in memory of. Thank you for helping us to make all of our Holy Week Readers uniform and facilitate a less confusing order of service.

Additional order forms will be on the table as you enter the sanctuary.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to order \_\_\_\_\_ book/s for my personal use.

Please order \_\_\_\_\_ book/s in honor of

\_\_\_\_\_

Please order \_\_\_\_\_ book/s in memory of

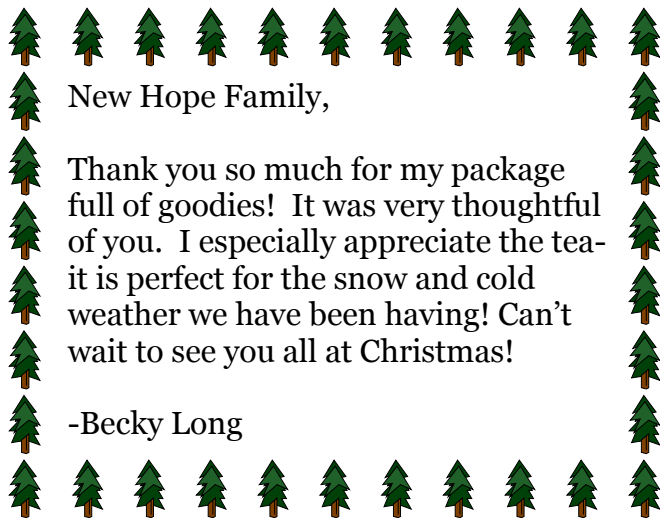
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Given by \_\_\_\_\_

Cash  Check

(checks payable to New Hope Moravian Church) - *\$15.00 per book*

***Please order your books by Christmas. Place order & payment in the offering plate or marked envelope attached to the office door. Thank You for your help.***



New Hope Family,

Thank you so much for my package full of goodies! It was very thoughtful of you. I especially appreciate the tea- it is perfect for the snow and cold weather we have been having! Can't wait to see you all at Christmas!

-Becky Long



Dear New Hope Family,

Thank you for your kind words and your thoughtfulness to me as your Pastor and friend. I am so blessed to be your Pastor.

In Christ Love,  
Pastor Betty



This quilt and 2 other prizes will be raffled at Candle Tea. Raffle tickets are available to sell on the narthex table. Raffle costs are on the tickets. Money from sales may be turned in to me or given to Nancy M. or Craig. All tickets and money must be turned in by [1pm Saturday, December 6](#), in time for the drawing.

Thank you for your participation. Everyone needs a church quilt!

Pat

# NEW HOPE PRESCHOOL NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

We have so much to be thankful for at New Hope! That's what we'll be talking about in November. The 2 and 3 year-old classes will learn about fall, harvest and the first Thanksgiving. The four-year-olds will also learn about dinosaurs this month! Our chapel theme for the month will be patience.



It's safe to say the cooler weather (at least in the morning) is here to stay. Please change out your child's extra clothes in their cubby this month to long sleeves and pants. Also, we will go outside everyday unless it is raining or below 40 degrees. Please send coats, hats, scarves and/or gloves.



## Reminder to Parents of 3's and 4's:

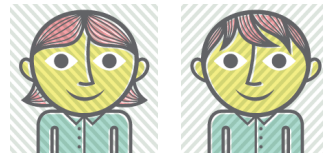
If you have not paid your \$60 activity fee for the year, please do so by December 1<sup>st</sup>.

## Field Trip to The Green Room Theatre

On Tuesday, December 16<sup>th</sup>, the four-year-old classes will travel to the theatre in downtown Newton to see The Nutty Nutcracker. We would love for parents to join us on this field trip. Because of limited seating, we can only allow one parent or grandparent to go per child (their rules). A permission form will go home soon. Mark your calendars!

**Thank you to everyone who participated and sent in donations for the Halloween party!**

## Fall Pictures are Here!



Please visit the following website to view your child's pictures:

<http://HeatherRichard.shootproof.com/SchoolPhotos>

An order form was sent home on Monday. You may also order directly from the website. Please let Ms. Lauren know if you have any questions. Thanks!

## Upcoming Events:

Nov. 11	Closed -Veteran's Day
Nov. 26 & 27	Closed-Thanksgiving
Dec. 16	Field Trip (4's only)
Dec. 18 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Pageant at 10:00

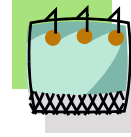
# DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

## New Hope Moravian Preschool

The Christmas season is officially here! This month, all classes will focus on the miracle of Jesus's birth and Christmas through crafts and activities, games, music and practicing for our Christmas program. Please note that this is a very busy month. Please check the calendar or your email daily for special activities. Merry Christmas from all of us at New Hope!



### New Preschool Sign



Hopefully you've noticed our new sign in the front of the church. Thank you to New Hope's Chicken Pie Committee for working so hard to earn morning to refresh our old sign! Also, thank you to Mark Bumgarner for all of his hard work repairing it.

### Art By Me Fundraiser

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Art By Me fundraiser. Our preschool will earn 30% of all sales. The deadline for that order is no later than **December 1<sup>st</sup>** (that's the day we come back from break). You can also order online, but please return the original artwork by the 1<sup>st</sup>.



### Field Trip to The Nutty Nutcracker

Our 4-year-old classes will travel to The Green Room Theatre on Tuesday, December 16<sup>th</sup> to see The Nutty Nutcracker. All reservations have been made. We will either meet at church and caravan at 8:30, or you can meet us at the theatre at 8:45.



### New Hope Events in December



Sat. Dec. 6th 9am-1pm  
31<sup>st</sup> Annual Candle Tea &  
Bazaar

Wed. Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> 5:00 & 7:30pm  
Christmas Eve Candlelight Lovefeast

### Preschool Christmas Pageant

Thursday, December 18<sup>th</sup> will be our last day of preschool for the year and our annual Christmas pageant. The program will begin and 10:00 in the sanctuary. Refreshments will be served in the fellowship hall afterward. All children will have a role in the pageant.



### Parents Night Out

Need to finish Christmas shopping? Need a date night? Babysitters can be expensive, and grandparents aren't always available! New Hope Preschool teachers are sponsoring a fundraiser to solve your childcare problems! On Friday, December 12<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-8:30, drop off our kids (preschool age and siblings too) at New Hope for \$12 each. We'll decorate Christmas cookies, watch a movie and play Christmas themed games while you enjoy a night off! A reservation sheet will be on the sign-in table. Thank for supporting our preschool!

*Yadkin View RCC Women's Gathering*

**BLOOMING WHERE YOU'RE PLANTED**  
**"Growing in Faith, Love & Hope: Using  
Spiritual Type to Deepen Your Relationship with  
God, Yourself and Others"**

Our Focus: Colossians 1:10 (NIV)

March 7, 2015

10:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

New Hope Moravian Church, Newton, NC

Our Speaker, Ruth Cole Burcaw,  
Executive Director of The  
Board of Cooperative Ministries

Registration Fee: \$15.00 (box lunch included)

A Special Offering will be taken for the Unity  
Women's Desk project: Birthing kits for Tanzania  
& Honduras




*Discover Your Spiritual Type Workshop*

How do you express your relationship to God, self, and others? What's your "spiritual type?" Do you get more from a Bible study, or do you respond best to a beautiful anthem? Do you like to experience God in nature, or is helping others your way of worshipping? We'll also look at the spiritual types of your congregation and talk about the importance of all types being part of congregational life. It takes all of us to make the church! Come out and learn with us!

**Our Leaders:**

Ruth Cole Burcaw, the Rev. Betty Helms, and Der Xiong, Immigrant  
Agricultural Agent





## PRAY EVERY DAY—DECEMBER, 2014

1. He will be gracious to you at the sound of your cry. Pray for Dusty & Christin Harrison with Greek Inter-Varsity at Clemson, SC.
2. I will tell you what he has done for me. Pray for Safiatu and Mohamed Braima (in the US) and the people of Sierra Leone struggling with the Ebola epidemic.
3. My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior. Pray for Brian & Heather Marx serving with MAF in Indonesia.
4. The Lord be with you. Pray for the Antioch Project and for Jill Kolodziej, Director.
5. Make every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit. Pray for church planters Rob and AnneThiessen in Mexico.
6. The gates of hell will not prevail against my church. Pray for the Woo family in Asia.
7. Sunday-He will feed his flock like a shepherd. Pray for Ed Dehnert and Barb Weide, serving at the Alaska Bible Seminary,
8. If you seek the Lord, he will be found by you. Pray for Ruth and George Goff, a pilot from the La Mosquitia, Honduras.
9. In love God destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ. Pray for Drs. Bill and Peggy Hoffman serving through the HIV/AIDS ministry in Tanzania.
10. I heard your prayer, I saw your tears; indeed, I will heal you. Pray for Michael, Cecila, and Blessing Tesh serving the children at the Ray of Hope orphanage in Kenya.
11. Jesus had compassion for the crowd and fed them. Pray for Michael and Brenda Brent serving with (Cru) Campus Crusade in Croatia.
12. You will find refuge under his wings. Pray for C & V and Family serving with Bridges International in campus ministry in TX.
13. I am standing at the door knocking, if you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in. Pray for K & C serving the Magi People in the Middle East.
14. Sunday - Whoever serves me must follow me. Pray for Dr. Louis and Susan Sutton, serving with WEC (World Evangelization for Christ) in Indonesia.
15. Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you. Pray for Ruth Snyder, Claire Wilson, and all others who are helping women to "Change Choices."
16. Let all who call on the name of the Lord turn away from wickedness. Pray for Adopt-A-Village program supporting children in Tanzania.
17. Do not be ashamed of the testimony about your Lord. Pray for the Likewise Aids Ministry.
18. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Pray for Glenna and George Tasedan in Labrador.
19. I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more. Pray for the Moravians in the Mission Areas of Cuba, Peru, and Sierra Leone in the development of leadership for their churches.
20. Jesus rebuked the wind and the waves and it was calm. Pray for the peace of Israel and the Jewish people.
21. Sunday-God has done great things for me, and holy is his name. Pray for peace and protection of Star Mountain in Palestine.
22. Salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers. Pray for Vani and Shanti Pradhan and the Nepali Moravian Outreach.
23. Direct your heart to the Lord, and serve him only. Pray for Ashley and Philip Sineath and Chaz and Mechaleah Snider serving in Campus ministry.
24. Christmas Eve-The testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple. Pray for R and B in Sudan.
25. Christmas-The eternal God is our refuge. Pray for Justin Rabbach, BWM Director of Mission Engagement.
26. Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters. Ho. Pray for the advisory board of the Unity Women's Desk.
27. Now begin the work, and the Lord be with you. Pray for the Moravian Clinic in Ahuas, Honduras.
28. Sunday. Guard your steps as you go to the house of God, draw near and listen. Pray for Moravians in Albania, the most atheistic country in Europe.
29. If riches increase, do not set your heart on them. Pray for BWM staff and Board of Directors.
30. God our Savior saved us according to his mercy. Pray for Mission Societies and their leaders.
31. I will set over them one shepherd and he shall feed them. Pray for leaders, teachers, and pastors.